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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 January 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-30 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-30 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. The Art Unit location of your application in the USPTO has changed. To aid in correlating any papers for this application, all further correspondence regarding this application should be directed to Art Unit 2617.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-30 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 1-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over AARNIO (US 2004/0078274) in view of Dolwin (US 2003/0092421).

Regarding **claims 1, 10, 17 and 23**, AARNIO teaches a cellular communications system (Fig. 1, Mobile Terminal #14 and Mobile Network/Base Station #12) comprising: a plurality of mobile cellular communications devices each associated with a respective user (Fig.1-2); at least one cellular base station (Fig. 1) for wirelessly communicating with said plurality of mobile cellular communications devices (Fig. 1), said at least one

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cellular base station having a capacity associated therewith (Fig. 1-2); and a central station (Mobile Provider/Mobile Switching Center, [0002]) for determining available capacity of said at least one cellular base station based upon active wireless communications with said mobile cellular communications devices [0012, 0021-0023]; and a subscription server for cooperating with said central station to provide non-real time subscription data to users on respective mobile cellular communications devices via said at least one cellular base station [0012, 0021-0023] **but is silent on** when the determined available capacity thereof is greater than a threshold.

However, Dolwin teaches the data transmission system that includes a plurality of radio base stations in communication with a plurality of mobile communications devices over a radio interface, in which an operation and maintenance centre (OMC) 29 collects the statistics from network infrastructure elements such as base stations and switches to provide network operators with a high level view of the network's performance. The OMC uses to determine how much of the available capacity of the network or parts of the network is being used at different times of day. The time of low traffic may be identified by detecting when measured traffic at an interface falls below a threshold level or by analyzing historical data to determine a period when low traffic is expected. The reference to the traffic going below a threshold level could in some systems, be described more accurately as available capacity in the system going above a certain threshold [0004, 0013-0015].

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify AARNIO, such that when the determined

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available capacity thereof is greater than a threshold, to improve the performance of the less traffic and more efficient data/electronic transfer files over the wireless communications network.

Regarding **claims 2, 18 and 24**, AARNIO/Dolwin teach a cellular communications system of claim 1 wherein said subscription server cooperates with said central station to discontinue providing subscription data when the determined available capacity falls below the threshold [Fig. 1 Prior Art, 0004, 0013-0015] of Dolwin.

Regarding **claims 3, 19, and 25**, AARNIO/Dolwin teach a cellular communications system of claim 1 wherein said subscription server cooperates with said central station to discontinue providing subscription data to respective mobile cellular communications devices based upon an initiation of a telephone call [0021, 0025] of Dolwin.

Regarding **claims 4, 11 and 26**, AARNIO/Dolwin teach a cellular communications system of claim 1 wherein said central station maintains accounts for respective users; wherein said central station charges user accounts differently for providing wireless voice communications and non-real time subscription data [0010-0013, 0020-0023] of AARNIO.

Regarding **claims 5, 12 and 27**, AARNIO/Dolwin teach a cellular communications system of claim 1 wherein said at least one cellular base station generates capacity usage information, and wherein said central station determines the available capacity based thereon [0004, 0013-0015] of Dolwin.

Regarding **claims 6, 13, 20 and 28**, AARNIO/Dolwin teach a cellular communications system of claim 1 wherein said subscription server further cooperates with said central station to provide a subscription data menu to users on respective mobile cellular communications devices, and wherein users order non-real time subscription data based upon the subscription data menu [0004, 0023-0026] of AARNIO.

Regarding **claims 7 and 14**, AARNIO/Dolwin teach a cellular communications system of claim 1 further comprising a wide area network (WAN) connecting said subscription server to said central station (Fig. 1, Prior Art) of Dolwin.

Regarding **claims 8, 15, 21 and 29**, AARNIO/Dolwin teach a cellular communications system of claim 1 wherein the subscription data comprises at least one of news articles, books, video game data, image data, and television programming schedule data [0004, 0022-0023] of AARNIO.

Regarding **claims 9, 16, 22 and 30**, AARNIO/Dolwin teach a cellular communications system of claim 1 wherein the subscription data comprises electronic mail (email) data (Short Message Service SMS [0011]) of AARNIO.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael Vu whose telephone number is (571) 272-8131. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00am - 6:00pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Duc Nguyen can be reached on 571-272-7503. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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